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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information providing system, comprising:

a database for storing objects and map information linked with each other; and

display control means for displaying the objects and the map information stored in said database on display means.

2. An information providing system system according to claim 1, further comprising:

search condition input means for inputting a search condition; and

search means for searching for objects in said database based on the condition input by said search condition input means, wherein

said display control means displays the object searched for by said search means and the map information.

20 3. An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein

said display control means displays the objects and the map information in different areas.

25 4. An information providing system according to claim 3, wherein

said display control means displays the number of

objects.

- 5. An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein
- said search condition input means inputs a position and a distance on the map as a search condition.
- 6. An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein

said search condition input means inputs equipment of an object as a search condition.

7. An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein:

said search condition input means inputs a starting point and a destination point as a search condition; and

said display control means displays a path from

the starting point to the destination point on the map.

8. An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein:

said search condition input means inputs a

starting point and a destination point as a search

condition; and

said display control means displays at least any

of a distance and a required time from the starting point to the destination point.

9. An information providing method, comprising the steps of:

storing objects and map information linked with each other; and

displaying the objects and the map information stored in said database on display means.

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10. An information providing method according to claim 9, further comprising:

inputting a search condition; and

searching for objects in said database based on the condition input in said search condition inputting step, wherein

said displaying step displays the object searched for in said searching step and the map information.

20 11. An information providing method according to claim 9, wherein

said displaying step displays the objects and the map information in different areas.

25 12. An information providing method according to claim 11, wherein

said displaying step displays the number of

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objects.

13. An information providing method according to claim 10, wherein

said search condition inputting step inputs a position and a distance on the map as a search condition.

14. An information providing method according to10 claim 10, wherein

said search condition inputting step inputs equipment of an object as a search condition.

15. An information providing method according to claim 10, wherein:

said search condition inputting step inputs a starting point and a destination point as a search condition; and

said displaying step displays a path from the starting point to the destination point on the map.

16. An information providing method according to claim 10, wherein:

said search condition inputting step inputs a starting point and a destination point as s search condition; and

said displaying step displays at least any of a

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distance and a required time from the starting point to the destination point.

17. An information providing system, comprising:
a database for storing sales record information;
search means for searching for the sales record
information; and

display control means for displaying the sales record information searched for by said search means on display means.

18. An information providing system according to claim 17, further comprising

collection means for obtaining a collected sales record amount based on the sales record information searched for by said search means, wherein

said display control means displays the collected sales record amount.

20 19. An information providing system according to claim 18, wherein

said collection means obtains the collected sales record amount every month.

25 20. An information providing system according to claim 18, wherein

said collection means obtains the collected sales

record amount every year.

- 21. An information providing system according to claim 18, wherein
- 5 said collection means obtains the collected sales record amount biannually.
 - 22. An information providing system according to claim 21, wherein
- said display control means displays the biannually collected sales record amount in two rows.
 - 23. An information providing system according to claim 18, wherein
- said collection means obtains a collected amount for each sales item.
 - 24. An information providing system according to claim 18, wherein
- said collection means obtains a collected amount for each sales window.
 - 25. An information providing system according to claim 18, wherein
- said collection means obtains a collected amount for each supplier.

26. An information providing system according to claim 17, wherein

said search means searches for information based on a sales item as a condition.

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27. An information providing system according to claim 17, wherein

said search means searches for information based on a supplier as a condition.

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28. An information providing system according to claim 17, wherein

said search means searches for information based on a sales window as a condition.

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29. An information providing method, comprising the steps of:

storing sales record information in a database;
searching for the sales record information; and
displaying the sales record information searched
for in said searching step on display means.

30. An information providing method according to claim 29, further comprising the step of

25 collecting a collected sales record amount based on the sales record information searched for by said searching step, wherein

said displaying step displays the collected sales record amount.

31. An information providing method according to claim 30, wherein

said collecting step obtains the collected sales record amount every month.

32. An information providing method according to claim 30, wherein

said collecting step obtains the collected sales record amount every year.

33. An information providing method according to claim 30, wherein

said collecting step obtains the collected sales record amount biannually.

34. An information providing method according to claim 33, wherein

said displaying step displays the biannually collected sales record amount in two rows.

35. An information providing method according to claim 30, wherein

said collecting step obtains a collected amount for each sales item.

36. An information providing method according to claim 30, wherein

said collecting step obtains a collected amount for each sales window.

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37. An information providing method according to claim 30, wherein

said collecting step obtains a collected amount for each supplier.

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38. An information providing method according to claim 29, wherein

said search step searches for information based on a sales item as a condition.

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39. An information providing method according to claim 29, wherein

said searching step searches for information based on a supplier as a condition.

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40. An information providing method according to claim 29, wherein

said searching step searches for information based on a sales window as a condition.

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41. An information providing system, comprising: a database for storing supplier's sales

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42. An information providing system according to claim 41, further comprising

search means for searching for sales information, wherein

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said display control means displays the sales information searched for by said search means.

- 43. An information providing system according to claim 42, wherein
- said sales information is information about parts, materials, product information, and/or substitute goods.
- 44. An information providing system according to

 20 claim 42, wherein

 said sales information is information about

said sales information is information about persons of suppliers.

45. An information providing system according to claim 42, wherein

said sales information is information about a home page of a supplier or a home page of product

information.

46. An information providing system according to claim 42, wherein

said search means searches information based on suppliers or business type as a condition.

47. An information providing method, comprising the steps of:

storing supplier's sales information provided through a network in a database; and

displaying the supplier's sales information stored in said database on display means.

48. An information providing method according to claim 47, further comprising the step of

searching for sales information, wherein said display step displays the sales information searched for in said searching step.

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49. An information providing method according to claim 48, wherein

said sales information is information about parts, materials, product information, and/or substitute goods.

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claim 48, wherein

said sales information is information about persons of suppliers.

5 51. An information providing method according to claim 48, wherein

said sales information is information about a home page of a supplier or a home page of product information.

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52. An information providing method according to claim 48, wherein

said search step searches information based on suppliers or business type as a condition.

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53. A computer-readable medium storing a program, comprising the steps of:

storing objects and map information linked with each other in a database; and

20 displaying the objects and the map information stored in said database on display means.

54. A computer-readable medium according to claim 53, further comprising the steps of:

25 inputting a search condition; and

searching for objects in said database based on the condition input in said search condition inputting

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step, wherein

said displaying step displays the object and the map information searched for in said searching step.

55. A computer-readable medium storing a program, comprising the steps of:

storing sales record information in a database;
searching for the sales record information; and
displaying the sales record information searched
for in said searching step on display means.

56. A computer-readable medium according to claim 55, further comprising the step of

obtaining a collected sales record amount based on the sales record information searched for by said searching step, wherein

said displaying step displays the collected sales record amount.

20 57. A computer-readable medium storing a program, comprising the steps of:

storing supplier's sales information provided through a network in a database; and

displaying the supplier's sales information stored in said database on display means.

58. A computer-readable medium according to claim

57, further comprising the step of
searching for sales information, wherein
said display step displays the sales information
searched for in said searching step.

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